

REMARKS

Claim Rejections

Claims 1-5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 1-4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Anderson.

Drawings

It is noted that no Patent Drawing Review (Form PTO-948) was received with the outstanding Office Action. Thus, Applicant must assume that the drawings are acceptable as filed.

Amendments to Specification

Applicant has amended the specification as noted above to correct the reference number for the declaration article. No "new matter" has been added to the original disclosure by the foregoing amendments to the specification.

New Claims

By this Amendment, Applicant has canceled claims 1-4 and has added new claims 5-9 to this application. It is believed that the new claims specifically set forth each element of Applicant's invention in full compliance with 35 U.S.C. § 112, and define subject matter that is patentably distinguishable over the cited prior art.

The new claims are directed toward a sealing cover assembly for a blind (20) comprising: a sealing cover (30) having a hollow coupling section (31) inserted into a coupling hole of an upper beam of the blind and a plane abutting facet (32'); and a decorative piece (40) having: a decorative article (41) located on a first end thereof; and a fixing block (42') located on a second end thereof and being connected to the decorative article, the fixing block having a plane fixing facet (421'), the fixing block being connected to the sealing cover.

Other embodiments of the present invention include: the sealing cover having a dovetail fixing block (32) located on the plane fixing facet and a stop flange (33) located on a bottom of the dovetail fixing block, the decorative piece having a dovetail fixing groove (42), the dovetail fixing block is inserted into the dovetail fixing

groove; the plane abutting facet of the sealing cover having a fixing hole (33') located in a center thereof, the decorative piece having a screw hole (422') located in the plane fixing facet, and a screw (50) inserted through the fixing hole and connected to the screw hole; and the sealing cover and the decorative piece are integrally made.

The cited reference to Anderson teaches an adjustable valence suspension bracket having a clip (3) having a vertical face (10) having a suspension means (11), and a female dovetail (12) formed by inturned lips (13), and cutouts (14) above the lips. The suspension means (11) is inserted into a slot (40) of a valence (41). The female dovetail (12) being inserted into a male dove tail in a base (2).

Anderson does not teach a sealing cover having a hollow coupling section; the hollow coupling section inserted into a coupling hole of an upper beam of the blind; a decorative piece having a decorative article located on a first end thereof and a fixing block located on a second end thereof; the fixing block being connected to the decorative article; the fixing block having a plane fixing facet; the sealing cover having a stop flange located on a bottom of the dovetail fixing block; the decorative piece having a dovetail fixing groove; the dovetail fixing block is inserted into the dovetail fixing groove; the plane abutting facet of the sealing cover having a fixing hole located in a center thereof, the decorative piece having a screw hole located in the plane fixing facet, and a screw inserted through the fixing hole and connected to the screw hole; nor does Anderson teach the sealing cover and the decorative piece are integrally made.

It is axiomatic in U.S. patent law that, in order for a reference to anticipate a claimed structure, it must clearly disclose each and every feature of the claimed structure. Applicant submits that it is abundantly clear, as discussed above, that Anderson does not disclose each and every feature of Applicant's new claims and, therefore, could not possibly anticipate these claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102. Absent a specific showing of these features, Anderson cannot be said to anticipate any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 102.

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It is further submitted that Anderson does not disclose, or suggest any modification of the specifically disclosed structures that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at Applicant's claimed structure. Thus, it is not believed that Anderson renders obvious any of Applicant's new claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

Summary

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicant submits that this application is now in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any points remain in issue, which the Examiner feels could best be resolved by either a personal or a telephone interview, it is urged that Applicant's local attorney be contacted at the exchange listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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